

BVNPT Questions for Webinar

Program/ Flex Approval

- Why can't all the NECs have the same requirements of their schools for approvals of class starts and virtual clinical?
- This statement was a bullet set forth in a communication to directors dated April 30th.
 - May we receive additional clarity regarding the statement for programs who have already developed and submitted a plan for the use of simulation and had that plan approved in March 2020?
 - Statement: Develop a plan for the use of simulation for the entire program, and work with your NEC to balance the hours, and then memorialize that plan in writing, so that you and your NEC can evaluate the future needs of the program.
 - Include an analysis and/or estimate of the hours using virtual/online simulation as opposed to live, onsite simulations.
- Does that allow a program to continue with its previously approved plan of simulation more than 50% (combined virtual and on-campus) if a program can show a continued need?
- Can we assume that online theory delivery is approved during COVID?
- As we move forward, if the college is deeming that the didactic portion of the courses remain online, and if the State of Emergency is lifted, does the program have to submit any documentation for continued online/ hybrid approval?
- Is there a rough estimate (time wise) when the NEC's would be open to receiving new faculty applications or request for preceptor approval?
- Do you foresee delays in the application process and review of RONP forms in December 2020?

Question 2 - Clinical/ Skills/ Simulation Lab

- If the Fall term we are unable to go into SNF are there any other alternatives that would accept for example skilled rehab, acute rehab locations?
- I was wondering what methods have been approved for clinical hours during this time?
 - I have great concerns that since Nursing homes are closed to students, it may be extremely difficult to obtain the requisite clinical hours for our brand new incoming LVN students in the Fall
- Why can't all the NECs have the same requirements of their schools for approvals of clinical/skills/simulation labs?
- Would the Board consider 100% simulation if the COVID-19 pandemic makes it impossible for students to attend clinical sites?
- With clinical settings being affected with the latest mandate to extend the stay in place order in LA county through July, will the 100% virtual simulation approval be extended for programs with approved clinical sites in that county?
- If CNA is a program prerequisite, can some of those hours be used as clinical credit during this COVID emergency?
- Are there going to be any change in regulations in regard to clinical time (50%) simulation as we move forward if the State of Emergency is lifted and we are still unable to go into the clinical setting, due to facility restrictions?

- What percentage of clinical lab/scenarios etc. would be acceptable if facilities become unavailable for student clinical rotations in the fall?
- What percentage of clinical lab/scenarios, etc. would be acceptable if facilities are not available until October (or sometime after the beginning of the semester)?

Question 3 – Misc.

- Before admitting a new cohort of students in the Fall- you request that we consider four main points- how would you like us to verify we are able to have the resources or ensure safety?
- What are some examples to alternative to on-site clinical facilities?
- Why can't all the NECs have the same requirements of their schools for approvals of class starts and virtual clinical?
- Would the Board support legislation that would allow for 100% clinical simulation if legislation to allow this was introduced?
- May a program front-load all didactic hours until such time as clinical sites re-open with the effect of back-loading all remaining clinical hours to the end of the program (versus the end of the term)?
- Thoughts on VN STUDENTS being classified as essential to Healthcare system?
- If we can start a new cohort of students in January 2021, how close to January would permission be granted so that students know when and if they can enroll?
- Can we get definite answers on simulation time allowed?
- Are there criteria regarding using some recorded lectures via zoom, for example, can we use some recorded in conjunction with scheduled zoom live meetings?